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# Newspaper Notes

## a continuation

### Gleaning Smith County happenings from area newspapers

by Vicki Betts

The loss of the backfiles of the Tyler newspapers to fire in the early twentieth century left a serious gap in primary sources for the Smith County historian. Fortunately, however, other area papers often quoted excerpts of entire articles from the Reporter, States Rights Sentinel, and other local publications, and a lively exchange between editors added to the flavor of the Civil War and Reconstruction era.



While conducting research for Smith County, Texas, in the Civil War, I compiled a file of articles from 1860 through 1865 (later expanded to 1875) which mentioned Tyler or Smith County. Sometimes tragic, often funny, and always informative, this file has proven to be a valuable source of information for one of the most interesting periods of our history. Clips on one topic, Civil War Military, are printed here as they appeared over one hundred years ago. Locations of microfilm copies of the newspapers consulted are listed below.

Austin Democratic Statesman .....	University of Texas at Tyler
Austin State Gazette .....	University of North Texas
Austin Weekly Southern Intelligencer .....	Texas A&M University
Clarksville Standard .....	East Texas State University
Daily Austin Republican .....	East Texas State University
Dallas Herald .....	East Texas State University
Galveston Tri-Weekly News .....	East Texas State University
Galveston Weekly News .....	East Texas State University
Galveston Flake's Bulletin .....	
Galveston Daily News .....	East Texas State University
Houston Tri-Weekly Telegraph .....	Texas A&M University
Marshall Harrison Flag .....	East Texas State University
Marshall Texas Republican .....	East Texas State University
San Antonio Tri-Weekly Herald .....	

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## Civil War Military

### 1860

DALLAS HERALD, February 29, 1860

Geo. W. Chilton has raised a mounted regiment of volunteers, and has offered their services to range on the Rio Grande frontier. In company with Gen. Greer, he will proceed to Washington, to tender them to the President.

DALLAS HERALD, March 14, 1860

The Tyler Reporter, amongst other interesting items of news, gives the details of the presentation of an elegant Flag to the Tyler Guards, by Miss Rebecca Wadsworth. The presentation speech was most chaste and felicitous in style, and the reply of Col. Chilton was characteristic of the gallant gentleman.

DALLAS HERALD, March 21, 1860

The Reporter records the organization of another military company in Tyler--a light infantry company.

AUSTIN STATE GAZETTE, October 13, 1860

SMITH.--A military company has been formed at Tyler.

DALLAS HERALD, November 14, 1860

The Sentinel says that two military companies one cavalry and one infantry have been formed in Canton, Smith County.

DALLAS HERALD, November 21, 1860

The Tyler Reporter issues an extra announcing the election of Lincoln, and calling on the citizens to meet on the 17th (Saturday last,) to organize a military company, or companies throughout the county; and also to make arrangements for a county mass meeting at an early day.

DALLAS HERALD, December 26, 1860

A Company of Cavalry has been formed consisting of 100 members, with G. W. Chilton captain.

### 1861

GALVESTON WEEKLY NEWS, May 2, 1861

Reserve corps from Angelina, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine, Liberty, Panola, Rusk, Harrison, Upshur, Cherokee, Harrison, Anderson, Trinity, Wood, Smith, and Van Zandt to rendezvous at Tyler.

AUSTIN STATE GAZETTE, May 4, 1861

Smith.--The Flora Legion, Capt. David Y. Gaines.

Smith.--Light Infantry, Capt. Harvey Yarborough.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, June 8, 1861

Patriotism of Smith County--The Tyler Reporter publishes the names of 77 persons who have voluntarily subscribed to a fund to equip company No. 1, of Smith County volunteers, under the requisition of Gov. Clark for 3000 troops. The amounts subscribed range from fifty dollars to two dollars and a half, and sum up, in the aggregate, \$1435. This is a forcible exhibition of the patriotism of Smith; for, as that county has at least 1500 voters, the inference is that \$30,000 can be raised, if required, without difficulty.

DALLAS HERALD, June 12, 1861

We learn from Gen. Good and M. L. Swing, Esq. who have just returned from Tyler, that the Regiment of Cavalry to be raised by Col. Greer, of Marshall, is to rendezvous and be mustered into service at this place; where they will receive their arms, horses, and accoutrements. The regiment, we understood, is already made up from the Eastern counties. One hundred men from Smith county for a Battery of mounted artillery will probably reach here to-day or to-morrow, and fifty more men are to be raised in this county at once, so as to make a full company of 150. These men are to be mounted armed and fully equipped by the Government and those who desire to see active service, would do well to apply at once. The whole of this command, numbering 1150 men, are to be organized on about the 18th inst.

DALLAS HERALD, June 19, 1861

On Friday, the Smith County Artillery commanded by a troop of Cavalry and was received by the Dallas Artillery Company, Capt. J. J. Good.

These two Companies [also Company K cavalry] from Smith, reflect the highest credit on the State of Texas. The chivalry of the county--the very flower of society compose the companies and without exception, constitute two of the finest bodies of men we have ever seen.

DALLAS HERALD, June 19, 1861

Good's Battery of Flying Artillery.--The following is a list of the officers of the above company comprising 100 men rank and file, 50 from Smith and 50 from Dallas counties:

John J. Good, of Dallas, Captain  
J. P. Douglas, of Smith, 1st Lieut.  
Alf Davis, of Smith, 2nd Lieut.  
J. N. Boren, of Smith, 3rd Lieut.  
Wm. Harris, of Dallas, 4th Lieut.

DALLAS HERALD, June 19, 1861

The Smith County Cavalry, commanded by Capt. D. F. Gaines, 116 strong, marched into the town of Dallas from Camp Robertson Wednesday. They were received by the Davis Light Infantry, Capt. Flynn, in full uniform and escorted into town, amidst the greatest enthusiasm among their citizens. Three cheers were given in honor of the Smith County Cavalry, which was heartily returned by the troops. The company returned in fine style, most gallantly raising their hats to the ladies, who waved their handkerchiefs in response, and proceeded to the Camp near the Fair Grounds....

Hon. O. M. Roberts accompanied the Cavalry as a private and was acting as Commissary for the Company. Hon. G. W. Chilton, one of the finest looking officers in the regiment having a striking resemblance to the famous Capt. May, was also present as a private.

Smith County may well be proud of these gallant men, for as was well said by a spectator, as they marched through town "not one of those boys would turn their back on Jim Lane."

DALLAS HERALD, June 19, 1861

Smith County Cavalry.--The following is a list of officers, the whole company numbering 114.

David Y. Gaines, Captain  
Williamson Millburn, 1st Lieut.  
Stephen D. Rowe, 2nd Lieut.  
Sid S. Johnson, 3rd Lieut.  
Wm. W. Duke, orderly sergeant  
J. A. McGreen, 2nd sergeant  
John M. Douglas, Jr., 3rd sergeant  
Byron C. Sigler, 4th sergeant  
Irby M. Stampler, 1st corporal  
Ed. R. Noble, 2nd corporal  
Oyer O. Funderburg, 3rd corporal

DALLAS HERALD, June 19, 1861

After the services [sic] at the Fair Grounds on Thursday last were over, several of the distinguished gentlemen then present from Eastern Texas, were loudly called for, and addressed the large assembly. First came Col. Geo. W. Chilton of Tyler, whose eloquence is proverbial throughout the state; next came Col. R. B. Hubbard of the same place, then Col. Long of Smith County, and lastly Lieut. Welborne of the Smith Co. Cavalry. All these gentlemen made feeling and pointed remarks suitable for the occasion and all were loudly and vociferously cheered.--Particularly were we pleased with the remarks of Cols. Hubbard and Chilton, who appealed to the soldier and those who were left behind [rest illegible]

DALLAS HERALD, June 19, 1861

Col. G. W. Chilton--The promptness and dispatch with which this gentleman responded to the late call for men, is worthy of the genuine soldier. His orders were received on the 6th inst., and on the evening of the 12th he was at the place of rendezvous having raised 100 men and marched 100 miles--all within the space of six days! This is unparalleled we believe, in the history of volunteer armies. The genius of the man leads him to promptness and his energy will ensure success.

DALLAS HERALD, June 26, 1861

[Summary] Flag presentation to Good artillery company.

DALLAS HERALD, June 26, 1861

The Tyler Reporter indulges in the following compliment to the people of Dallas. Speaking of the soldiers, it says:

They were encamped at the Fair Grounds, and nothing could exceed the kindness and attention the good people of Dallas in ministering to the wants and comfort of the soldiers. Every account we hear is in the highest terms of praise of the noble and hospitable people among whom our troops have been ordered to rendezvous....

Lieut. Douglas, Editor of the Reporter, is now with the artillery company and is a general favorite. He will be in good hands while he stays in Dallas, as we have heard it whispered gently that the gallant Lieutenant is an invincible in the parlor as he will be on the field. The Reporter need not fear for the well-being of its Editor.

DALLAS HERALD, July 3, 1861

We are requested to say that Rev. Williamson Milburn of the Smith County Cavalry, will preach at the Masonic Hall in this place, on Sunday evening at early candle-light.

DALLAS HERALD, July 10, 1861

[Summary] Good Artillery Co. left Dallas yesterday.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, July 20, 1861

Col. Greer's Regiment, Smith County cavalry Capt. David Y. Gaines.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, August 3, 1861

[Summary] Co. K Gen Greer's reg. David Y. Gaines Capt; Williamson Milburn 1st Lt., Stephen D. Rowe 2nd Lt., Sid S. Johnson 3rd Lt., R. S. Tunnell 1st sgt., J. A. McGreen 2nd sgt, John M. Douglas Jr. 3rd sgt, Byron C. Sigler 4th sgt, I. M. Stamper 1st. corp., Ed. B. Noble 2nd corp., Oyer O. Funderburg 3rd corp., John L. Kay 4th corp, Jas. W. Bates, Bugler.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, August 3, 1861

Capt. Good's battery--four 6 pounders and two 12 pound Howtzers [sic], John J. Good Capt., J. P. Douglas 1st Lt., Alf Davis 2nd, J. N. Boren 3rd, W. Harris 4th, Ben Hardin, orderly sgt, John D. Dorrough Quartermaster sgt, Thomas H. Loyd 1st sgt, W. J. Sanders 2nd, Meth Gray 3rd, J. B. Long 4th, Thomas A. Hord 5th, James Howard 6th, Wm. D. Abboy bugler.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, September 7, 1861

Capt. Gaines' Co. killed: Silas Kates, wounded: R. J. Walker, W. C. Day (slightly), Daniel Roe (slightly)

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, October 5, 1861,

Monday, Sept. 30th arrived at Marshall Campground (Camp Davis) "A splendid company from Smith, commanded by Capt. Smith, formerly editor of the Tyler Sentinel, who has laid down the pen and taken up the sword.

"Lone Star Rebels"

W. H. Smith Capt.  
C. F. Moore 1st. Lt.  
J. P. Baswell 2nd Lt.  
M. J. Bean 3rd Lt.  
Burk Yarbrough 1st sgt.  
Nep Boren 2nd sgt.  
J. N. Hays 4th sgt.

Privates:

Ansley Wm  
Beavers E A  
Bledsoe J H  
Baxter Ed E  
Cantrell J L  
Carter J M  
Carroll N H  
Davis H W

Jeff Harrison Ensign  
Milton Carter Jr. 1st corp.  
M. L. Roberts 2nd corp.  
J. H. Woon 3rd corp.  
J. W. Taylor 4th corp

Murphy R F  
Murry J H  
Moore T D  
Naylor W L  
Naylor R J  
Potter J R  
Potter John  
Parmer F M



Delay C C  
 Epperson T J  
 Ellison Wm  
 Evans John  
 Felton Dr. R A  
 Featherston Chas H  
 Golden John  
 Howe M N  
 Hicks J M  
 Harden N G  
 Harden J Augustus  
 Huckaby W  
 Hicks E C  
 Jones H L  
 Jones T H  
 Kinsey D  
 Kidd F C  
 Knowles J M  
 Kelly E A  
 Kelly E R

Parmer W  
 Reid C F  
 Roberts W J  
 Rice H F  
 Ray Jo J  
 Ray Bryan H  
 Smith Robt E  
 Sensabaugh Wm  
 Shackleford S S  
 Sewell Jas H  
 Shelton Marion  
 Thorn Jas Jr  
 Thompson W H  
 Vallentine J S  
 Wimberly Wm  
 Wood W R  
 Warters T Y  
 Warters John

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, October 12, 1861

[Summary] Wednesday Oct. 9th. Gregg's regiment including Smith's company moved to Memphis under Gen. A. S. Johnson.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, October 19, 1861

Another editor off for the wars. Col. S. M. Warner, our whilom contemporary of the Tyler Reporter is a high private in the Kaufman company in Gregg's regiment. He is off for the wars. Success to him.

DALLAS HERALD, October 30, 1861

[Summary] Notice from M. A. Long, Receiver in Tyler under the Sequestration Act for Smith, Limestone, Freestone, Navarro, Ellis, Van Zandt, Kaufman, Dallas, Hunt, Wood and Upshur Counties.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, November 2, 1861

[Summary] On October 20, Smith company of Gregg regiment reached Camp Bradfield near Monroe. One man of Smith company left at Bayou with severe attack of ecysipelas with Dr. Felton.

## 1862

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, January 4, 1862

Capt. Smith lost Marion R. Shelton to disease

GALVESTON TRI-WEEKLY NEWS, January 28, 1862

We notice in the Tyler Reporter a call for troops by Judge O. M. Roberts, he having accepted authority to raise a regiment for twelve month's service, the rendezvous to be at Houston. We can imagine no higher evidence of patriotism than this step evinces on the part of Judge Roberts, who resigns his seat on the Supreme Bench to fight the battles of his country. We doubt not it will be remembered with gratitude, and duly appreciated when the fitting time arrives.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, February 15, 1862

[Summary] Died in Capt. Smith's Co. M. R. Shelton, E. A. Kelly, G. W. Parmer, P. J. Naylor, J. F. Jones, W. J. Roberts, J. W. Taylor, M. N. Howe, T. J. Epperson, Wm. Sensabaugh, T. H. Jones, Wm. H. Thompson, E. A. Beasers, J. N. Hays, W. N. Naylor, J. M. Noles, John P. Boswell.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, February 22, 1862

Hon. P. Murrah several weeks ago accepted the position of Quartermaster in Col. Ed. Clark's regiment, and has since then selected a place of rendezvous. The camp ground is about 10 mile from Tyler and seven from Starrville. Good plank houses and shelters, sufficient, it is supposed, for the entire regiment, we learn from the Tyler Reporter, have been erected. The quarters are unusually good, and are provided with an abundance of wood and excellent water, and a fine drill ground. The regiment is rapidly organizing. Companies that have been formed, are requested to organize early as possible.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, March 22, 1862

[Summary] Two companies left Marshall on Wednesday for rendezvous with Clark's regiment in Smith County: Clough and Hill Avengers under Capt. H. L. Berry and Marshall Mechanics under Capt. N. S. Allen.

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, March 26, 1862

The Tyler Reporter has the following. The Reporter remarks that there are a hundred men in Smith county as well able to give as Mr. Swan:

NOTICE.--I propose to pay to the families of five soldiers who will go to the War FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS one hundred to each family--to be paid quarterly, in money or its equivalent, on application; said means now being in the hands of Geo. Yarbrough, S. H. Boren and J. G. Felton.

E. F. SWANN.

Such liberality should be emulated everywhere.

The Reporter says that Smith County has ten companies in service, and four more forming. Smith County has done nobly, but her misfortune will be found in having so many of her noble volunteers in for twelve months only. For all these the county will get no credit under the fifteen regiment call. In apportioning for the draft no men count in the quota of the county but those in for three years or the war.

The Tyler Reporter says Col. M. T. Johnson, has now three full regiments under his command.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, April 10, 1862

[Summary] Capt. W. H. Smith of Tyler proposes to raise a regiment of infantry for war.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, April 26, 1862

[Summary] Letter from T. A. Patillo, Camp Murrah, 11 miles east of north from Tyler. Arrived on Morning of 13th Sunday. Morning service by Rev. M. Binkley just closing--"large, respectful and attentive congregation." Col. Clark in Tyler. Good location, water, arrangement of companies, neat appearance of tents, good order, 8 companies.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, May 10, 1862

[Summary] S. M. Warner escaped from federals in Chicago after capture at Ft. Donelson on March 28.

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, May 19, 1862

The splendid band of Robert's Regiment, were out serenading last Thursday night, and honored the editor hereof with several beautiful pieces of music, for which we were obliged. It is but justice to this band to say that it is the finest we heard. It is manifestly made up of talented performers, and under the leadership of one of the best musicians in the Confederacy.

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, June 4, 1862

We are gratified to learn that friend Warner, of Tyler, has been promoted to 1st Lieutenancy, and assigned to duty for present in Tyler.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, June 14, 1862

The Conscription. Orders have been issued by Gen. Hebert, for the enrollment of conscripts, and camps of instruction have been established, one near Austin, Travis County, and one near Tyler Smith County

SHREVEPORT THE SOUTH-WESTERN, June 18, 1862

[Summary] Proclamation of Gen. McCulloch from Tyler, June 9th, 1862, on no trade with Yankees in Louisiana.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, July 5, 1862

[Summary] Reorganized Roberts Regiment in Tyler on the 23rd: O. M. Roberts colonel, Jas H Jones lt col, N J Carraway major. Staff: Bird Holland-Adjutant, W M Rose, Quartermaster; Martin Casy--sgt. major, \_\_\_\_\_ Jones Surgeon.

[Summary] Camp Hubbard near Tyler, June 23, 1863, Col. R. B. Hubbard's regiment encamped at the sulfur spring four miles east of Tyler on Marshall road; reorganized on 17th inst. Col R B Hubbard, Lt. Col. E E Lott, Maj. J J Cameron (Polk Co.), Quartermaster Capt. F. N. Gary, Adj. Lt. Wm Masterson, Chief surgeon Dr. A L Barton, 1st asst surgeon Dr. W M Hamilton, Drill officers: Lt. S. M. Warner and C. E. Williamson. Tents now being made.

Camp Hubbard, near Tyler, Texas  
June 23, 1862

Editor Telegraph--Dear sir: Col. Hubbard's Regiment of Infantry was organized on the 17th instant, and thinking it would be of interest to your readers I give you the result: For Colonel, Richard B. Hubbard, without opposition; for Lieut. Col, E E Lott, of Smith County; for major, the following vote was polled, to-wit: Lt. J. J. Cahen, of Polk county, 435; Capt. Jack Davis, of Cherokee county, 217; Capt. B. F. Parks, of Anderson, 93.

The following are the staff officers as far as appointed:

Quartermaster, F. N. Gary, of Tyler; Adjutant, William Masterson, of Brazoria county; Surgeon, A. L. Patton, of Wood county; 1st assistant Surgeon, Wm. M. Hamilton, of Polk county.

The Commissary and other staff officers will be appointed at an early day. This is a fine Regiment, and by the time the line of march is taken up will consist of over 1000 men as recruits are continually coming in.

Yours truly,  
A VOLUNTEER-

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, August 9, 1862

[Summary] Camp McCulloch near Tyler, July 5, 1862, reorganization of Col. T. C. Bass's regiment (Kaufman, Grayson Co.)

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, August 16, 1862

[Summary] Killed in Co. K Smith County, 10th Regiment Texas cavalry. Sept. 16, 1861--July 14, 1862: P. B. Henderson, John Adams, J. J. Powell, J. C. Stroud, J. M. Murrah, L. M. Todd, Thos. Haymore, J. P. May, David Yarbrough, A. C. Mathews, W. P. Kelley, D. H. Hazel, David Gordon, Alford Gordon, T. Wrenn, A. N. Chandler, R. J. D. Chandler, L. R. McAdams, J. A. Lyster, J. J. Smith.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, September 13, 1862

[Summary] Capt. Jack Davis under instructions from Col. John Gregg calls 7th Texas to rendezvous near Tyler by 22nd prepared to join comrades in Vicksburg.

DALLAS HERALD, September 20, 1862

Capt. Jack Davis, acting under instructions from Col. John Gregg, calls upon the members of the 7th Texas, to rendezvous at Tyler by the 22nd, preparatory to joining their comrades at Vicksburg. They are requested to bring with them as much warm winter clothing as they can produce.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, October 4, 1862

[Summary] Killed or died from time of organization to Sept. 18, 1862 Co. F Smith County: J. S. Vallentine and S. S. Shackelford killed, T. M. Moore supposed mortality, J. M. Kicks--severely, since died, T. J. Harrison--slightly. Disease deaths: Co. F: Lt. J. P. Boswell, I. N. Hayes, J. W. Taylor, E. A. Beavers, J. K. Bledsoe, J. M. Carter, T. J. Epperson, W. N. Howe, J. T. Jones, T. H. Jones, J. M. Knowles, P. J. Naylor, G. W. Palmer, W. J. Roberts, W. Sensabaugh, W. H. Thompson (Hopkinsville, Ky.), A. E. Kelly (Clarksville), M. R. Shelton (Red Chute, La.), J. M. Carter, J. B. Potter, Con F. Reid, Jas. Thorne, R. E. Smith (Chicago, Ill).

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, October 11, 1862

[Summary] Casualties of 3rd Texas Regiment in Iuka, September 19, 1862. Co. K. killed: W. L. Bonner, J. J. Hitt. Wounded: Lt. A. C. Irvin, Privates L. A. Alexander, W. B. Hitt, T. W. Parish, E. Jarvis, A. A. McDonald, R. B. Luter, J. M. Stamper, J. H. Ray.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, October 25, 1862

[Summary] 17th regiment Texas cavalry deaths from time of organization to October 5, 1862. Co. C. Smith County; Littlefield died before left home, J. W. Thomson September 6.

HOUSTON TELEGRAPH Supplement, November 7, 1862

The Tyler Reporter mentions the arrival there of Dr. R. T. Lively, Dr. Underwood, C. C. Wood, B. W. Stidham, W. O. Stidham, H. L. Cook and John Stanley, as prisoners from Grayson Co. suspected of connection with the secret organization there. They were arraigned before B. L. Goodman, Confederate Commissioner. Their case was set for the 13th of November, and the parties were admitted to bail in the sum \$260. This bail is exceeding insignificant if there is anything in the charge against them. Have we been sold again by an unfounded alarm in Northern Texas?



DALLAS HERALD, November 22, 1862

[Summary] Letters received from Douglass' Battery dated 26th ult. Then at Cumberland Gap, men in excellent health. Since Lt. Boren died, new election of officers

Capt. Jas. P. Douglass

Sr 1st Lt. John H. Bingham

Jr 1st Lt. Ben Hardin

Sr 2nd Lt. Mark R. Fleishl

Jr 2nd Lt. Julius Saunders

Jas. C. McCoy died of wounds received at Richmond, Lt. Ben Harden wounded in thigh but recovered and rejoined company, Mitch Gray wounded in calf, was getting well, will soon rejoin.

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, November 28, 1862

The Tyler Reporter says that the prisoners from Sherman accused of disloyalty, and who were put under bonds to appear and answer, only two came up at the time, to-wit: both of these men were cleared of all suspicion.

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, December 15, 1862

We have often heard of the good things done by the ladies of Tyler for the soldiers. We learn that the Ladies' Aid Society of that place have furnished tents for three regiments of McCulloch's brigade, made up vast quantities of clothing, contributed several hundred dollars for hospital purposes, etc. The noble women of the Confederacy are like the woman in Scripture, who anointed the Savior's feet with costly ointment. Wheresoever the gospel (history) of this war, shall be told these things in remembrance of them.

## 1863

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, January 22, 1863

[Summary] Company E--Capt. J. J. Flinn's Company--Amos Lasater at Spring Hill, Ark., August 16, 1862 (wrinkle in paper); B. F. Cook, Camp Holmes, Ark., October 18; F. J. Wooley, Camp Nelson, October 26; J. M. Gilley, Camp Nelson, October 28; W. H. Stephenson at Camp Nelson, November 6; John Gilbreth at Camp Nelson, November 23; C. A. Collins, Little Rock, December 10; John Collins, Camp Nelson, November 29; J. M. Woodley, November 30.

Company G--Capt. Wm. M. Bradford's Company, Smith County--L. W. Ginn at Washington, Ark., August 31, 1862; E. P. Gilliam at Camp Holmes, Ark., September 23; J. W. Foshee at Camp Holmes, October 18; E. Bozeman at Camp Nelson, November 10; Alfred Crosby at Camp Nelson, November 14; D. M. Foshe at Camp Nelson, November 27; J. W. Barbee, Little Rock, November 14.

28th Texas Regiment, Co. D. Capt. M. V. Smith--Smith County--R. C. Beavers, August 9, Wood County; Thomas Davis, August 10th, Lewisville, Ark.; J. A. Watson, October 19th, Camp Holmes, Ark.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, February 26, 1863

Deserters:

Milton Perkins, Smith County, Col. Young's Brigade

T. W. Gofer, Smith County, Clark's Regiment, Col. Randal's Brigade.

Hugh Gilbreth, Smith County, Clark's Regiment, Col. Randal's Brigade.

W. J. Arsot, detailed at Tyler without authority, Randal's Regiment

J. S. Woodward, Jamestown

J. J. Woodward, Jamestown

Sid Wiley, Starrville

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, March 5, 1863

Returned after being declared deserters

Alex Anderson, Camp's Ferry, Smith County

J. S. Woodard, Jamestown

J. J. Woodward, Jamestown

Sid Wiley, Starrville

DALLAS HERALD, April 15, 1863

We have seen an order from Maj. Burton, Act'g Chief Quartermaster of the trans-Mississippi Department, stating that funds will be transferred to the Quarter Masters at Tyler, Jefferson, Dallas, and Bonham, Texas, to pay off the outstanding debts of the Quarter Master's Department. We will publish the order next week.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, June 13, 1863

Killed at Raymond Miss., Co. F--W. H. Smith.

DALLAS HERALD, August 12, 1863

The Tyler Reporter of the 6th says that 45 Federal prisoners, all of them officers except two, arrived at that place a few days ago, in charge of Capt. Richardson, from Brashear City; and subsequently 13 others arrived in charge of Capt. Montgomery. They have been sent there for safekeeping.

DALLAS HERALD, August 19, 1863

The physicians of Smith County and some others have determined to do a cash business except in cases of soldier's families. We hear that the physicians of this county have declared it their intention to regulate their charges by the price of wheat, per bushel, which is a good standard and one of which the people can not complain, as they thus control the matter themselves. Physicians will make their charges at the old rates when wheat sold for one dollar per bushel, and demand payment in wheat or its equivalent in money at its present value.

GALVESTON WEEKLY NEWS, August 26, 1863

The Tyler Reporter says the late militia draft in that county was carried out with a good spirit, everyone evincing a willingness to serve their country in this time of trial. We trust this spirit will be manifested everywhere. There is not the slightest cause of discouragement as long as we are true to ourselves. All we have to fear is from ourselves.

DALLAS HERALD, September 16, 1863

[Summary] Quartermaster's Agents authorized to allow designated rates of freight to parties transporting Government cotton to other supplies turned over to this office by Maj. T. A. Washington and temporarily retained by S. Hart--S. H. Boren at Tyler.

GALVESTON TRI-WEEKLY NEWS, October 27, 1863

Federal prisoners--The Shreveport Southwestern says last Saturday upwards of 460 Federal prisoners lately captured by Gen. Greer at Morganza, and 19 more from the direction of Monroe, arrived here. On Sunday, they took their departure for Tyler, Texas.

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, November 4, 1863

From the Tyler Reporter, Oct., 22nd.

FIRE.--On last Wednesday night, about twelve o'clock, a fire broke out in the "Old Federal Court House" in this place, which entirely destroyed that building. It was occupied above at the time by some soldiers as a bed room, and below, we understand, by some negroes, and through the carelessness of the latter the fire is supposed to have originated. The stable attached to the "Holman House" itself was in much danger, and would certainly have been burned but for the extraordinary stillness of the night and the efforts of citizens and soldiers present at the time. The soldiers in the court house were compelled to jump from the second windows, the fire having reached the stairway before they awoke. Most all of them were more or less injured by the fall, but no lives were lost. Nearly all their baggage, clothing, &c., was burned.

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, November 5, 1863

We have had the pleasure of meeting Capt. G. W. Chilton, just up from the Rio Grande with 4,000 and odd Enfield rifles, all of which have safely arrived at this place. They are a timely addition to our means of defense.

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, December 9, 1863

The Tyler Reporter mentions the departure of the Federal prisons (non-commissioned officers and privates) for exchange.

## 1864

GALVESTON TRI-WEEKLY NEWS, May 1, 1864

We have seen samples of the guns now being manufactured in Tyler Armory, and pronounce them according to our judgment, the finest army pieces we have ever seen. The "Hill Rifle" for cavalry, and the "Texas Rifle" for infantry, are hard to beat, while the "Short Hill Rifle," intended for artillery, is a perfect model of beauty and convenience. Col. Hill, in charge of ordnance works here, has the very important qualification as an officer of doing what he undertakes well.

-- Tyler Reporter.

GALVESTON WEEKLY NEWS, May 2, 1864

The Tyler reporter says: "Some of the fruits of our late victory in Louisiana are visible at Camp Ford, in the shape of about 1700 prisoners, and more are constantly expected.--There are now at Camp Ford in all, between 2200 and 2300 prisoners, and it is expected that there will soon be as many as 4000. Most of these prisoners are the flower of the Federal army, but not withstanding their bravery and prowess in arms, we assure them that, but for the purpose of exchange, the Confederacy would rather fight than feed them."

GALVESTON TRI-WEEKLY NEWS, June 15, 1864

We have been pleased to meet in our city Col. George H. Sweet, of the 15th Texas Cavalry, who is here from Tyler, on important business for his command. He will return in a day or two. A portion of his regiment is now on duty at that point.

GALVESTON WEEKLY NEWS, July 13, 1864

Last night we have a "small sprinkling" of excitement in the way of a reliable report from Camp Ford, informing the commander of the Post, that the Yankee prisoners of war, intended celebrating the Fourth of July by storming the little picket fence which surrounds their plantation, paying a summary visit to their numerous overseers (who with muskets in their hands have an eye to their interests and frequently anticipate their wants) after which they would prepare to take a journey of more magnitude by way of calling upon their brethren of "African decent" in lower Louisiana, and on to the Arkansas and White rivers -- their plans were all made known by one of their own number, and the ever vigilant Col. Anderson, immediately took steps to prevent the attempt as well as defeat it, should their temerity lead them thus far--by his prompt action, he no doubt saved those poor deluded fanatics and negro worshipers, from being "welcomed by bloody hands to hospitable graves."

Last Saturday night, seven of them undertook to escape by removing two of the pickets and then stealing away. One was shot right at the line, but not killed; the other six ran away as fast as their pedestals would carry them, caught up in treetops the same night, and the other two captured in the same manner the next day. As the trailers came up, the Yanks shouted more lustily: "here we are boys, come and take us, but please don't hurt us!"

All is quiet today. Colonel Scott Anderson is the right man in the right place, and your readers may rest assured that should any attempt be made, on the part of the prisoners, to over run the guard, they will be repulsed with most bloody results.

In hast fraternally yours,  
Alamo

GALVESTON TRI-WEEKLY NEWS, July 15, 1864

Ed. News--One of our agents of exchange, Capt. Pirchett, arrived here a few days since, and has been busy making out his rolls for the exchange of 1000 Yankee prisoners of war. One squad of them started this morning, and the balance will leave tomorrow morning for Alexandria via Shreveport. This number, I am informed, covers all the Yankee Government now has on hand of our men in this Department, and we still have an excess of at least 4,000, the most of whom are still at this point....

The Yankees who recently made their escape, and were recaptured by the dogs, are very bitter in their denunciations of poor Tray. Some of them swear that after the war is over, they intend to raise dogs just to kill.

The dogs used here are nothing but common fox hounds, yet it is truly wonderful how they will strike a trail and follow

AUSTIN WEEKLY STATE GAZETTE, August 24, 1864

Special Correspondence.  
Tyler, July 29 1864

Editor Gazette:--About a week ago 150 men of Col. Anderson's Regiment, who were guardi g [sic] the Federal pris ners [sic] near here, organized under a Lieutenant, and left. Their horses had come in from grazing the day before, and they are well armed and mounted. Col. Anderson endeavored to overtake them with a small force, and induce or compel them to return, but was unable to overtake them. They deserted in open day, fell into line at the sound of the trumpet, and are by this time on the frontier, I presume.

For a day or two the Federals were very insecurely guarded, and some apprehensions were felt that they would escape and do much dammage, but all is safe now. What should be the punishment for men so lost to honor as to desert their post, leaving 3000 or 4000 miscreants almost unguarded in the heart of the country, thus endangering the lives and property of the whole country to pillage and slaughter?

Ex Gov[.] Col. Baylor, member of congress for this district, had just returned from Richmond, and yesterday evening addressed the people at the methodist [sic] church. He left this side the Mississippi River after the battle of Mansfield, and was there only during the latter part of the session....

I understand that in a few days two thousand more of the Federal prisoners will leave here to be exchanged. It would be a great relief to this section of country if all were to be taken away, for they are a heavy burden, added to the necessary demands of our own army.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, September 9, 1864

Co. C wounded--W. H. Thompson--severe in head, Captured: Lt. B. L. Goodman, Sgt. J. M. Myres, Corporal B. J. Little, W. J. McClure, W. S. Weeks.

GALVESTON TRI-WEEKLY NEWS, September 11, 1864

Wanted--For Field Transportation Dept; Wheelrights, Blacksmiths, Carpenters, Saddlers, and Harness Makers.

Mechanics liable to duty in Reserve Corps apply to:

Capt. J. C. Kirby Tyler

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, October 14, 1864

Seven or eight hundred Yankee prisoners from the camp at Tyler, passed through this place last week, on their way East to be exchanged. On Sunday, a fresh lot apparently about an equal number came in. They passed by the fine new Methodist Church during the afternoon service for the negroes. The servants were dressed up in their Sunday regalia.

## 1865

HENDERSON TIMES, February 4, 1865

[Summary] Tyler Reporter--Capt. S of Brown's regiment had his horse's tail shaved closely by a prankster, so he made a scabbard of leather and fit it to the tail. Then he shaved the tail of another horse and attached the hair to the artificial tail.

MARSHALL TEXAS REPUBLICAN, February 24, 1865

On Sunday about 1200 Federal prisoners, from Camp Ford, at Tyler, passed through Marshall, on their way to Shreveport, and thence to the mouth of the Red River to be exchanged. We were glad to see them going home....

DALLAS HERALD, March 16, 1865

By Dept. Orders, Capt. Walter Caruth relieves Capt. J. M. Williams, in charge of the Qr. Master Dept. of this Post. Whilst we sincerely regret the departure of Capt. Williams, we congratulate the country and the army, in securing the services of Capt. Caruth, as his successor, in welcoming whom, our best wish is, that his administration of the affairs of his office may be as efficient, as our pleasure in greeting him is hearty.--Tyler Journal, Feb. 11th.

GALVESTON DAILY NEWS, March 22, 1865

The Journal publishes the proceedings of a meeting in Tyler, at which resolutions were adopted unanimously to the effect, that all the tythe-corn of Smith and adjoining counties had been consumed, and that unless the Federal prison-camp be removed, suffering must ensue before this year's crop can be gathered. The meeting, therefore resolved to request Gen. E. K. Smith to have said camp removed to a point where provisions are more abundant, and it was suggested that a suitable place may be found between the Trinity and Brazos rivers, some 75 miles from Tyler.

DALLAS HERALD, March 30, 1865

The citizens of Tyler have held a public meeting and memorialized Gen. E. Kirby Smith to order the Federal Prison Camp to be removed to some part of the country where there is a greater abundance of corn.

GALVESTON DAILY NEWS, April 25, 1865

Brown's regiment left this post on last Tuesday for [illegible], and, as veteran soldiers, they have made their track here, as well as elsewhere.--Tyler Journal.

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, May 1, 1865

Our beloved friend, Geo. W. Chilton, of Gen. Bee's staff, gave us a call on Saturday. We are sorry to see him in poor health, though as defiant as ever in his patriotism.



GALVESTON TRI-WEEKLY NEWS, June 7, 1865

We notice that the Yankee prisoners confined at Tyler, who passed through Marshall a week ago, on their way home, behaved themselves in an orderly, respectful manner, and that their countenances exhibited no malevalence or ill feeling.

-- Marshall Republican

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, June 8, 1865

The following items are from the Shreveport News, May 30th:

On Monday evening, 22nd inst., about 1800 Federal prisoners arrived here from Camp Ford, at Tyler, Texas, and took their departure for home on Tuesday.

GALVESTON TRI-WEEKLY NEWS, June 26, 1865

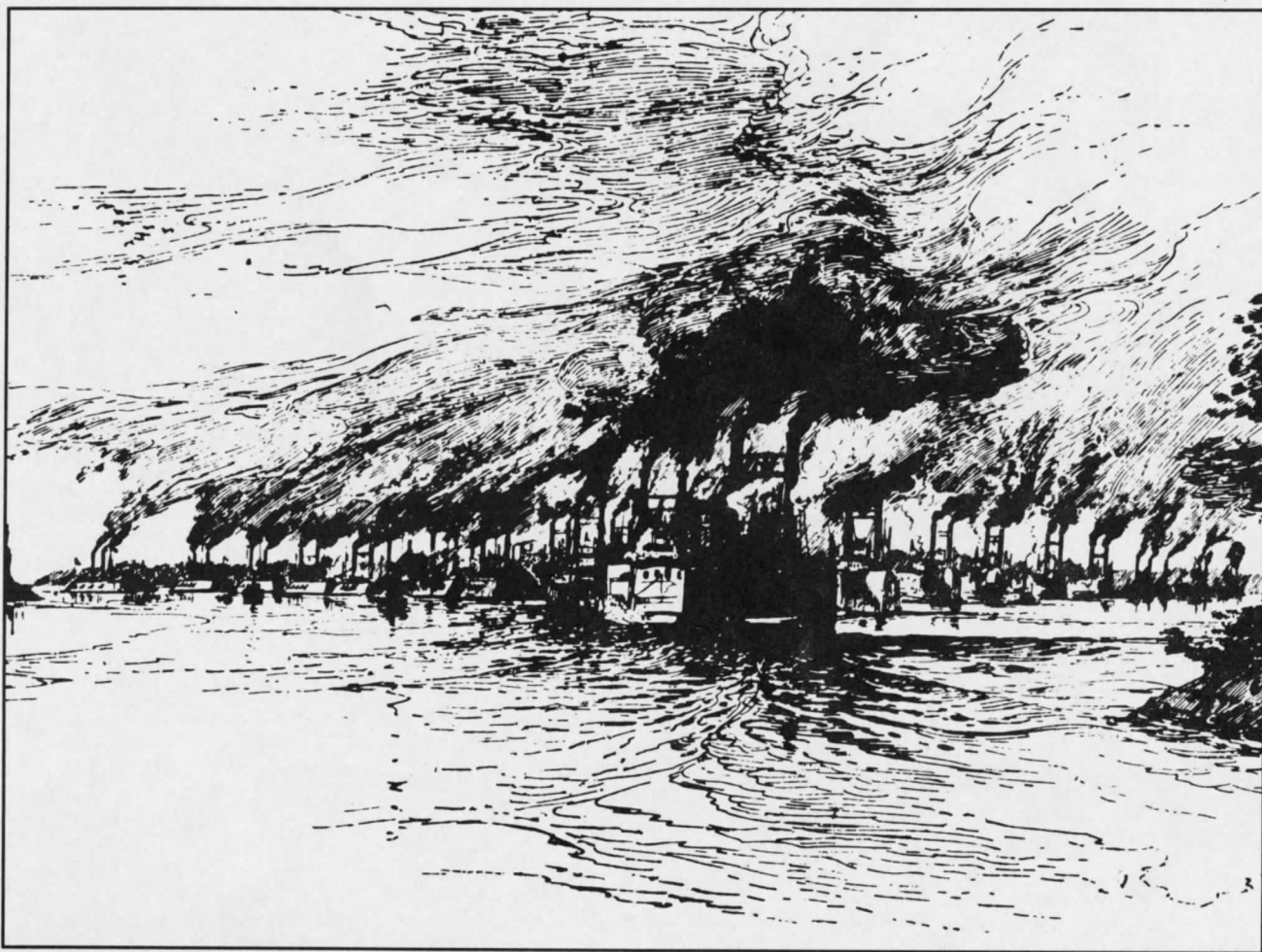
from the Crockett Quid Nunc of 21st "We learn that the Federals have occupied Marshall and that a small force has gone to Tyler. As yet we have heard of no early prospect for these parts to be blessed with a small garrison to keep order, and to collect up Confederate property."

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, November 6, 1865

The following memoranda have just been handed us:

"The dead body of Lt. Robert H. Gaston, of Mt. Sylva, Jefferson County, Texas, was recognized on the battlefield of Antietam, by a small bible found in his pocket, which was buried with him on the field...."

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*"A. J. Smith's and Porter's expedition starting from Vicksburg for the Red River. From a war-time sketch." (from Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, Vol. IV)*